

TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE  
IN SUPPORT OF HB 5460 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODEL PLAN FOR  
EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN  
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT

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Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone, and members of the Commerce Committee, I am Nancy Nardone from Old Saybrook, CT and I am here to testify in support of HB 5460 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODEL PLAN FOR EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

I am a Research Scientist with over 20 years combined experience in academia and industry, and am currently seeking employment in southeastern Connecticut where I reside with my family. However, there is a significant lack of opportunities available in the bioscience and pharmaceutical fields in southeastern Connecticut. Due to the lack of opportunities, a large number of my former colleagues have chosen to relocate out of the area, are working across state lines in RI and MA, or are simply under-employed. There is a unique opportunity here to capitalize on the density of talent and infrastructure that exists in southeastern Connecticut and create something special. I moved here because the area offered a great quality of life and it is a wonderful place to raise a family. Many of my colleagues felt the same way. But if action is not taken soon, it will be too late. We can't support our families without good jobs. And for many, their quality of life is being eroded by excessively long commutes. Over time, we will lose the existing talent, and the new fresh talent will have no reason to stay or move here.

For these reasons, I strongly support HB 5460 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODEL PLAN FOR EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.